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Applicant : Trevor D. Corkum, et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 18, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing sheets is attached following page 14 of this paper.

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